

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Chairperson Ramona Finn timers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 20, 2006 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finn timers
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Chuck Collins
Bob Gates
W.C. "Bill" Guier
Ginna Reyes
Tom Ricotta
Howard Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Fuselier

Members present represent a quorum

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater
Olivier Brackett
Dan Thompson
Jim Swain
Kyle Rabiyan

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken. Ms. Finn timers introduced Mr. Guier. His background includes the ROTC, graduating from The Citadel and working with the FAA in Oklahoma City. Mr. Guier worked in flight safety at SAC (Strategic Air Command) until 1986 when he retired as the Chief of Accident Prevention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of June 15, 2006. Howard Williams motioned that they be approved, Tom Ricotta seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, with Ramona Finn timers, Tim Hutter and Ginna Reyes abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater reported that the True North ramp has been completed with the tie down chain installation in progress. A Grand Opening is scheduled for July 28, 2006. Approximately 105 planes are scheduled to move to the True North ramp by the end of the year. There are still vacancies. Michael Khoury was the Engineering Director on the project while Bob Wadell was the Design Engineer. The fueling RFP deadline has been extended. The RFP may have left the impression that a fuel truck would need to be left on the True North ramp at all times. The fuel truck driver would be available on an on-call basis. The RFP extension will not delay the opening.

TERMINAL DESIGN, WADELL ENGINEERING – R. Wadell

Mr. Wadell spoke of a blast fence being constructed near the holding apron of the threshold for Runway 24 and the re-grading of the infield area to the west of the east end of the runway between Alpha One and Alpha Two. Taxiway Charlie will be reconstructed perpendicular to the runway to a point just east of Premier Jet. This will serve the new terminal area and reconstruction of the new terminal apron and will accommodate up to five regional jets allowing for future growth, although runway modifications would be required to accommodate them. Mr. Wadell introduced Keith Thompson, the Project Manager for Ginsler and Curtis Wright, Project Manager from Kimley-Horn who discussed parking and public access at the airport. Mr. Thompson explained the terminal design goal of organizing, consolidating and modernizing the facilities that exist. The project constraints were using no more than 24,000 square feet to replace the existing facilities, maintaining access from Palomar Airport Way, providing close-in parking. This meets TSA's requirements ensuring construction is completed by December, 2008 and meeting the project funding deadlines. The current plans are for 18,000 square feet, which allows for future growth. The imagery of the design concept draws from Carlsbad's coastal environment.

There was discussion regarding public and vehicle access to the terminal and parking lots. The ticketing lobby may be augmented to provide for more airlines and automated ticketing machines. A baggage conveyor will run to a machine for security screening. The terminal will also include: a gifts concessions vestibule, a passenger security checkpoint with adjoining TSA office space, a hold room, baggage claim area, an open air meet and greet area and rental car concession area. Both the airside and the landside will have their own bathroom facilities. Discussion involved including both family style restrooms and traditional restrooms. The terminal's food and beverage concession facility will be on the east end of the terminal, which will also serve the airport tenants and the community. If the restaurant is successful and needs more space it could be expanded. There can also be facilities for Customs/Border Inspection personnel.

Ms. Finnila reminded the public this is not an expansion of the airport but a reconfiguration of what's already present, that the designs were conceptual, not concrete and that all input would be taken under consideration. She recommended that the County work with the public regarding the institution of parking fees at the airport, promoting the airport as a valuable asset to the community and asked about the possibility of a reduced parking fee for frequent airport visitors. Ms. Finnila commented that signage and first responder access should be part of the airport design.

Members of PAAC asked about fencing, which is still in the design process. They asked about handicapped parking which may be accessed by shuttle. Handicapped parking may be near the elevator in the lower level parking lot. The rental car and luggage cart concessions were also discussed. The airport will remain open during construction and may utilize modular buildings.

Several members of the PAAC asked about the restaurant, stressing that the past restaurant had been frequently used and enjoyed by the community. Mr. Wadell said that the current restaurant concept had no significant height and is a continuous structure but if desired it may be physically possible to add a second story, just costly. The restaurant would feature window seating and open areas. Mr. Drinkwater said that the priority of the airport design was providing for the safety, security and operations of the airport and that the concessionaires would develop ideas for serving their customers needs, including parking. Lots of possibilities exist.

Mr. Drinkwater said that the project would be done in phases and that initially all of the necessary infrastructure would be put in place.

Jim O'Donnell of TSA recommended using a half wall for better security and jet blast protection along the apron.

Stefan Monson of North County Transit asked about providing public transportation to the airport and was referred to County Airports staff.

In response to questions from Thomas Talley of Vista, restaurant historical data is not available.

John Frasier of Vista asked if hubs other than Los Angeles and Phoenix were interested in servicing Palomar Airport. Ms. Finnila responded that Vision Air was planning to serve Carlsbad from Las Vegas.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Ms. Reyes thanked Mr. Collins for giving the Fly Friendly Program Progress Report at the previous meeting. Pilot outreach is continuing with the County sending letters to pilots unfamiliar with the VNAP procedures and supplying tri-fold hand-outs and VNAP posters to the FBOs on the field. The Fly Friendly Program is an update to a program already in place. Two recent Fly Friendly presentations, which are designed as an

outreach to interested community groups, had both been canceled. Due to many people vacationing over the summer months, the presentations will resume after Labor Day.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 15,935
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 97,047
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 5,173
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 25,453
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 4,674; Revenue In: 4,255; Non-Revenue Out: 499; Non-Revenue In: 492; Total Passenger Throughput: 9,920
- ➔ Local Traffic: 3,757
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: 12,178
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 154
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 373
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations for June: 154 concerns for 15,935 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 103 operations.
- ➔ Noise Concern by area: Southwest: 70 concerns; Southeast: 26; Northwest: 22; Northeast: 2
- ➔ Noise Concern by type: Noise: 49; VNAP: 63; Low: 41; Over flights: 0
- ➔ Noise Concern by aircraft type: Propellers: 64; Jets: 75; Helicopters: 14; No Aircraft Type Specified: 0
- ➔ Noise Concern by time of day: 0700 to 1700: 63; 1700 to 2200: 23; 2200 to 0700: 67
- ➔ Flight operations during quiet hours: 2200 to 0500: 217 (Props: 136, Jets: 56, Helicopters: 25); 0500 to 0700: 161 (Props: 109, Jets: 52, Helicopters: 0)

Tom Belford of San Marcos expressed his concerns about planes making sharp turns over his neighborhood and beginning their approach into Palomar Airport from that point. Mr. Swain said that he had communicated with the Chief Pilot for United Express about the matter and reiterated that planes should fly over Highway 78, turning at the point they intercept final and then beginning their approach, thus alleviating the noise concerns over Mr. Belford's neighborhood.

R24 VNAP COMMITTEE – T. Hutter

The R24 VNAP committee met on June 27, 2006. Their purpose is to explore ways to help mitigate the noise effects on approach to the airport. Mr. Swain is sending a letter to the FAA regarding stepping down the ILS approach. The current aerial map needs to be updated. The City of San Marcos has provided some aerial photographs for this project. Chin Tu of Civic Helicopters has volunteered to join the committee.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

Mr. Brackett, reporting on behalf of Mr. Vasquez, said that the grand opening of True North was scheduled for July 28, 2006 at 2:00pm. The target dates for moving aircraft to True North will be July 28-29, 2006. West Coast General, the General Contractor on the project has done a great job. Inactive landfill staff will be working on unit three near the approach end of Runway 24. The new fire truck has been detailed with the airport's name.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Reyes announced that Premier Jet's grand opening was held on July 13th. She said that the opening went well and they had a beautiful facility.

Ms. Finnila announced that if the Customs on Request issue has progressed sufficiently it could be presented as a motion for approval at the August PAAC meeting. Mr. Hutter said that this matter may be incorporated into the Storm water lease extensions.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON AUGUST 17, 2006

Ms. Finnila announced that the next meeting would be on August 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I